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Saving lives or building peace? Roles and Responsibilities of Humanitarian and Peacebuilding Actors in Conflict Settings

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Speakers' Biographies

Riccardo Bocco graduated in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Torino (Italy), obtained a master in Development Studies from the IUED of Geneva, and got his PhD in Political Science from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. Besides the IUED, he has been working for the CNRS at the Maison de l'Orient of the University of Lyon II (1984-1992), has been the director of the CERMOC in Amman, a French research centre in social sciences based in Jordan (1994-1999), and research director of the IUED (2000-2003). Since 1981, his main geographical area of fieldwork has been the Near East, with a particular focus on Jordan and Palestine, where he has lived for several years. From 2000 to 2006 he has been directing a team of international researchers working on a project for monitoring the impact of international aid on the civilian population of the Palestinian Territories. From 2004 to 2007 he has also been directing a huge survey for UNRWA, on the socio-economic conditions of the 4'500'000 Palestinian refugees registered with the UN and living in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank.

Susanna Campbell is a Research Fellow at the Centre on Conflict, Development, and Peacebuilding at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, specializing in peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and conflict sensitivity. Ms Campbell has been investigating the capacity of international intervention to prevent violent conflict and build peace for the past fourteen years, including with: the Center for Preventive Action of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York, 1996-1999); the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response (FEWER) (London/Kenya, 1999-2000); UNICEF Burundi (2000-2002); and, since 2003, as an independent consultant for the International Crisis Group, International Alert, The World Bank Post-Conflict Fund, the National Defense University, Catholic Relief Services, UK Department for International Development (DfID), the World Bank Fragile and Conflict-Affected States Group; and the Integrated UN Office in Burundi/UN Peacebuilding Support Office. Ms Campbell has published numerous reports and articles on peacebuilding and statebuilding effectiveness, including those published by the Council on Foreign Relations, International Alert, International Crisis Group, *International Peacekeeping*, and the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*.

Fabrizio Carboni holds a Master in International Law and joined the International Committee of the Red Cross in 1998. He carried out assignments in conflict areas worldwide, in particular Sudan, Afghanistan, Colombia, and Angola. His latest assignment in the field was in Sudan (2007-2009) as Deputy Head of Delegation. Since April July 2009, Fabrizio Carboni has been

appointed Deputy Head of Operations for South Asia, with specific responsibilities for ICRC activities in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Judy Cheng-Hopkins is currently the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations for Peacebuilding Support. Ms Cheng-Hopkins was until recently the Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees in charge of Operations (2006-2009) in over 118 countries around the world, including the voluntary return and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons. Previously she served with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in several senior and progressively responsible roles, notably as Director of the Bureau for Asia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)/Balkans in WFP (1997-2000) and as Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Africa Bureau in UNDP (2002-2004). Prior to that she spent a decade in Africa with UNDP in Zambia (1982-1988) and Kenya (1988-1992). She also served as Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations Capital Development Fund (1993-1997). Ms Cheng-Hopkins received a bachelor's degree in English literature from Beloit College in the United States (1976), and a master's degree in economic development from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (1978). She has also received diplomas from l'Université d'Haute Bretagne in France and Harvard University.

Tom Delrue studied law at the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium) and specialized in International Public Law in Paris. He joined UNEP in 2009 as Programme coordinator for mainstreaming environment in humanitarian action and early recovery. Before joining UNEP, he worked for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Geneva (Interagency Division for Internal Displaced People and the Humanitarian Reform Support Unit) where he functioned as early recovery focal point. Before joining the UN, he worked, amongst others, for ICRC, Pax Christi Flanders and as advisor to the Minister President of the Government of Flanders. He also worked as consultant for the Security Management Initiative (Harvard) and ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies). Tom Delrue is a member of the GPP advisory board.

Antonio Donini is a Senior Researcher at the Feinstein International Center at Tufts University, where he works on issues relating to humanitarianism and the future of humanitarian action. He has worked for 26 years in the United Nations in research, evaluation, and humanitarian capacities. His last post was as Director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance to Afghanistan (1999-2002). Before going to Afghanistan he was chief of the Lessons Learned Unit at OCHA, where he managed a program of independent studies on the effectiveness of relief efforts in complex emergencies. He has published widely on evaluation, humanitarian, and UN reform issues. In 2004 he co-edited the volume *Nation-Building Unraveled? Aid, Peace, and Justice in Afghanistan* (Kumarian Press). He has coordinated the Humanitarian Agenda 2015 research project which has analysed local perceptions of humanitarian action in 13 crisis countries and in 2008 has authored the final HA 2015 report, *The State of the Humanitarian Enterprise*. Since 2007, he has been involved in research in Nepal on conflict and post conflict issues and continues to follow humanitarian issues in Afghanistan.

Ali Hassan is currently head of office for UNAMID, Sector South in Nyala, Darfur, being in charge of coordinating UNAMID civilian staff, military and civilian police, and UN staff. In his capacity as the HoO of UNAMID, Mr Hassan also chairs the Area Security Management Team (ASMT), a team that brings together representatives from NGOs, military, police, and UN agencies present in South Darfur and that examines all issues related to security. As chair of United Nations Coordination Team (UNCT), Mr Hassan further enables the coordination of humanitarian aid and policy, as well as deliberation on political developments and relations with the government. He is the main interlocutor liaising with the governor, with government security organs, community leaders, rebel movements as well as wider civil society organizations. Mr Hassan holds a Master

degree in Business Administration (MBA), from California State University, Fresno, California, USA, and a Laurea in Economics, from the Somali National University, Mogadishu, Somalia.

Randolph Kent directs the *Humanitarian Futures programme* at Kings College, London, where he and his staff have worked since 2006 with various multilateral, bilateral and non-governmental organizations at headquarters and in country offices to enhance their strategic and planning capacities for dealing with long-term humanitarian threats. Dr Kent accepted his present post after completing his assignment as UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Somalia in April 2002. Prior to his assignment in Somalia, he served as UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Kosovo [1999], UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Rwanda [1994-1995], Chief of the UN Emergency Unit in Sudan [1989-1991] and Chief of Emergency Prevention and Preparedness in Ethiopia [1987-1989]. Over the past two years, he authored *Dimensions of Crisis Impacts: Humanitarian Crises in 2015* [2007] for the UK Department for International Development, and *Responding to Catastrophes: US innovation in a vulnerable world*, dealing with the roles that the corporate and military sectors should be playing in light of exponential changes in futures types, dimensions and dynamics of humanitarian crises.

Steve Matenga holds a Law degree from the University of Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, as well as a degree in Economics from the University of Burundi. He has represented DRC at the Panos Institute in Paris (2001- 2005) and has throughout his career provided support to the development of a pluralist media in DRC and Central Africa. He has been the administrator of Radio Okapi, an independent station set up by Fondation Hirondelle in Kinshasa, DRC, and aimed at furthering peace by dissipating rumours, avoiding propaganda, and focusing attention on hard facts. Mr Matenga is currently a delegate for Fondation Hirondelle in charge with ensuring the sustainability and effective organisation of Radio Okapi (2007 – 2009).

Ross Mountain is the newly appointed Director General of DARA (Development Assistance Research Associates), a Madrid-based international organisation focused on improving the effectiveness of humanitarian and development assistance. Prior to this nomination, Mr Mountain was serving the United Nations as the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General in DRC (2004-2009). As well as Deputy Special Representative, he was the Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, the Humanitarian Coordinator in the country and the UNDP Resident Representative. In these capacities, he managed international support to the first democratic elections in the DRC in over 40 years, which constituted the largest electoral assistance programme ever implemented by the UN, and, as Humanitarian Coordinator, he was responsible for implementing one of the largest humanitarian operations. Mr Mountain's career with the United Nations spanned 36 years, in particular in the fields of economic and social development and humanitarian affairs. In 2004, he served as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq and, additionally, as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General ad interim.

Pascal Nyabenda was born on 12 April 1966 in Mpanda, Burundi, and after finishing his studies he taught for several years in secondary school. When the first elections were held in Burundi, he was nominated as an Administrator of his Commune, Mpanda, following in the footsteps of his father, a previous local administrator between 1964 and 1972. In 1995, he was granted refugee status, spending a total of 9 years in Congo, Tanzania, and Kenya. In 2004, upon invitation from the Geneva Call, Mr Nyabenda arrived in Geneva, representing Burundi's National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD). In this capacity, he participated in deliberations regarding the demining programme in Burundi. Since March 2006, Mr Nyabenda has been the Governor of Bubanza Province and member of the tracking and monitoring mechanism for the strategic framework for peacebuilding in Burundi.

Timothy D. Sisk is Professor of International and Comparative Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver; Director of the Center for Sustainable Development and International Peace (SDIP), a research and policy institute at the School; and Director of the Korbel Program in Humanitarian Assistance. Professor Sisk also serves as an Associate Fellow of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Geneva, Switzerland. His recent research focuses on the nexus between democracy and governance and the management of conflict in deeply divided societies, especially those emerging from civil war. He has conducted extensive research on the role of international and regional organizations, particularly the United Nations, on peace operations, peacemaking, and peacebuilding. He is also the editor, with Tom Farer, of the journal of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS), *Global Governance: A Review of Multilateralism and International Organizations* (Publisher: Lynne Rienner).

Fred Tanner is the Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Prior to this appointment, Fred Tanner was Deputy Director of the GCSP, in charge of Academic Affairs and Training. At the same time he was a Visiting Professor for Swiss Security and Foreign Policy at the Graduate Institute for International Studies (GIIS/HEI) of the University of Geneva and was responsible for the University's Programme for Diplomatic Studies. Fred Tanner is a member of the International Council of the Center for Sustainable Development and International Peace at the University of Denver's Graduate School of International Studies and a member of the Board of Trustees of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek. Mr Tanner acted as rapporteur to the Second NATO Strategic Concept Seminar which was held in November 2009 in Brdo, Slovenia, and was organised by the Group of Experts chaired by former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Mandated by the OSCE Chairmanship, he was the Honorary Chairman of the Committee for Security Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a position he held from 1999 to 2001.

Charles Vincent was named in September 2008 as Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) office in Geneva. From 2004 to 2008, Mr Vincent was successively WFP Representative and Country Director in Afghanistan and DR Congo where he led two of the most complex operations for WFP. He has also been WFP Representative and Country Director in Haiti in the late 90s and Head of Office and Emergency Coordinator during the 1992-95 war in the Former Yugoslavia. He has also worked in programme and logistics in India, Madagascar, and HQ (Rome). He was the Deputy Director of the WFP office at UN, NY and the Assistant to the Senior Deputy Executive Director of WFP in Rome. He started his UN career as a UN Volunteer for WFP in Karamoja, Uganda, in 1983. Mr Vincent has a Master of Science (M.S.) International Rural Development with specialization in agricultural economics from the University of California at Davis, California, USA and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) Political Science (international relations) and minor in international economics from Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, USA.

Scott Weber is the Director-General of Interpeace. Mr Weber oversees the strategic growth and development of the organization and provides support to Interpeace's field teams. Since his nomination to the position in 2005, he has led the process of restructuring the organization and re-branding as well as expanding the organization's operational presence and budgets. In 2009, he was selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Mr Weber began his career in the United Nations, first with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and then as a Political Officer in the Office of the Director-General of the UN in Geneva. Prior to his appointment as Director General, he acted as the Special Assistant to the Director General of Interpeace and Program Officer for Rwanda. Mr Weber is a member of the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO). He holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations, Economics and Russian from Georgetown University and has completed an Executive Education programme in Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University's JFK School of Government.